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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. NORTH, C., et al., "SNAP-TOGETHER VISUALIZATION: CAN USERS CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE COORDINATED VISUALIZATIONS?", International Journal of Human-Computer Studies Academic Press UK, November, 2000, pp. 715-739, Vol. 53, No. 5;

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2. TATE, A. R., et al., "VISUALISATION OF MULTIDIMENSIONAL DATA FOR MEDICAL DECISION SUPPORT", Artificial Intelligence in Medicine, 8th Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Medicine in Europe, AIME 2001, Proceedings (Lecture notes in Artificial Intelligence) July 1, 2001 – July 4, 2001, pp. 55-58, Vol. 2101;
3. BUJA, A., et al., "INTERACTIVE DATA VISUALIZATION USING FOCUSING AND LINKING", Visualization, Visualization '91 Proceedings, IEEE Conference on San Diego, CA, October 22, 1991, pp. 156-163, 419;
4. AHLBERG, C., "VISUAL EXPLORATION OF HTS DATABASES: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY", Drug Discovery Today, August 1, 1999, pp. 370-376, Vol. 4, No. 8; and
5. International Patent Application Publication No. WO 01/24060 A2 dated April 5, 2001.

The references were cited in a European Search Report dated January 13, 2009.

Applicants are submitting a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report. Please note that the other reference cited in the Search Report, namely, Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 10-14864, dated January 20, 1998, was submitted in applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated September 22, 2003. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii).

Further, the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d), a statement is attached.

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